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Dear Sir:

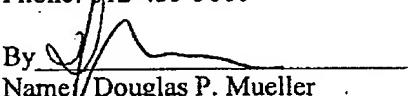
Applicants request withdrawal of the Office Action mailed January 9, 2008. Claims 2, 5-8, 10, 12, 13, 15, and 18-23 were amended and claims 1 and 14 were canceled by Article 19 Amendment in the international phase. A translation of the Article 19 Amendment was filed when the request for the present national stage application was filed. A courtesy copy is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. The Office Action was not based on the claims as amended in the Article 19 Amendment, which should have been the claims of record in view of the submission of the translation with the national stage request papers. Therefore, the issues raised in the Office Action are moot and the Office Action should be withdrawn.

Applicants request early and favorable action on the merits of the application in the form of a Notice of Allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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“Amendment of the claims under Article 19(1) (Rule 46)”

Re: International Application No. PCT/JP2004/010433
 International Filing Date: 15 July 2004
 Applicant: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
 Agent: IKEUCHI SATO & PARTNER PATENT ATTORNEYS
Our Ref: H2162-01

Dear Sirs:

The Applicant, who received the International Search Report relating to the above-identified International Application transmitted on 22 November 2004, hereby files amendment under Article 19(1) as in the attached sheets.

That is, claims 2, 5-8, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 18-23 are amended, claims 1 and 14 are canceled and claims 3, 4, 9, 11, 16 and 17 are retained unchanged.

Sincerely yours,



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Attachment:

(1) Amendment under Article 19(1) 5 sheets